

REMARKS

This is intended as a response to the non-final Office Action dated January 29, 2007 (hereinafter “the Office Action”) having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 29, 2007. Claims 1-69 are pending. Claim 15 was rejected. Claims 16-22 were objected to. In response to the earlier Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected Claims 15-22. Claims 1-14 and 23-69 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,956,852 to Bechtolsheim et al. However, Applicants have amended Claim 15 to incorporate the allowable limitations of Claim 16. With this amendment, Claim 15 is allowable and the rejection of Claim 15 is now moot. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 16-22 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17, 21 and 22 have been amended to reflect proper dependency. Claims 17–22 depend from and further limit allowable Claim 15. As such, Claims 17-22 are allowable and the objection to them should be withdrawn. Claim 16 has been cancelled herein.

New Claims 70 – 82 have been added herein. These new claims, formerly dependent from restricted independent Claim 1, now depend from and further limit allowable independent Claim 15. The limitations of new Claims are fully supported in Applicants’ specification and no new matter is introduced by the entry of these new claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-14 and 23-69 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 15, 17, 21 and 22 have been amended herein. Claim 16 has been cancelled herein. New Claims 70 – 82 have been added herein. All remaining claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, the Applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149.

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